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ABSTRACT

This document contains descriptions of 55 adult education experimental demonstration projects and 18 adult education staff development projects conducted in Pennsylvania in fiscal year 1991. The projects are funded through Section 353 of the Adult Education Act of 1988. Each description includes a project number, project costs, contact person with address, abstract, expected products, and project descriptors. The projects address various needs related to adult basic education instruction, General Educational Development test preparation, English-as-a-Second-Language instruction, family literacy, and workplace literacy. Some representative projects include the following: adult basic education student support group; Adult Education Clearinghouse; alumni association for special needs adults; a computer-based mathematics program for the learning disabled adult; development and evaluation of a model family literacy program; the effective implementation of word-of-mouth recruitment; English-as-a-Second-Language literacy handbook; family literacy on tape; senior survival skills training; prevocational clerical skills; printing and literacy project; program management by computer; thinking and reading for entry-level workers; adding family literacy to tutor training; computer literacy staff training; and the Pennsylvania-Ohio staff development conference. A list of descriptors and indexes of descriptors, project numbers, agencies, and project directors are appended. (KC)

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Foreword

Each year the Pennsylvania Department of Education's Division of Adult Basic and Literacy Education Programs awards grants to public and private educational agencies and organizations for the development of special projects. The grants, known as Special Projects, are funded through Section 353 of the Federal Adult Education Act of 1988 (P.L. 100-297). This section mandates that the Department of Education use not less than 10 percent of its annual federal allotment under the Act for special experimental demonstration, staff training, and small grant projects. For fiscal year 1990-91, a total of $1,098,665 has been allocated to 73 Section 353 grantees.

These grants are used in Pennsylvania to strengthen the Adult Basic Education program through experimentation with new methods, programs, and techniques. In addition, funds are used to provide staff development for personnel working in programs. Information about projects is disseminated statewide to encourage the adoption/adaptation of successful practices. Thus, the impact of the funding is extended.

This year's projects address varied priorities directly related to Adult Basic Education (grade levels 0-8) instruction, General Educational Development (grade levels 9-12) preparation, and English as a Second Language as defined in the Adult Education Act. They also focus to a large extent on Family Literacy and Workforce Education.

Upon completion, all of the projects described in this booklet will be submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Education and housed at AdvancE, Pennsylvania's clearinghouse for adult education. In the fall of 1991, copies of all final reports and products will be available for loan by contacting AdvancE at the following address:

PDE Resource Center
333 Market Street - 11th Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17126-0333
Telephone: (717) 783-9192
(800) 992-2283 (PA Only)

SPECIAL EXPERIMENTAL DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS

PA 98-1016

ADULT BASIC EDUCATION STUDENT SUPPORT GROUP

$4,987

Nonie Bell
Northampton Community College
3835 Green Pond Road
Bethlehem, PA 18017
(215) 861-5427

The College will create an Adult Education Student Association to encourage peer support among current and former basic education students and to provide a strong link to the community, and as a result, to the students' futures. The Association will be run by the students, but will be coordinated by a counselor/coordinator.

PRODUCTS:

Final Report

DESCRIPTORS:

Student Support Groups

PA 98-1052

ADULT LITERACY STUDENT-DRIVEN SUPPORT NETWORK

$5,000

Linda Lewis
Literacy Consortium of
Allegheny County
2205 East Carson Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15203
(412) 431-0402

Judith Aaronson of the Pittsburgh Literacy Initiative is the director of this project. She will establish five additional support groups through publicizing the New Reader Support Network, which is designed to involve new readers countywide. In addition, continuing support will be given to current Network groups. Group leaders will receive leadership training and a training manual: Forming a New Reader Support Group.

PRODUCTS:

Final Report and Manual

DESCRIPTORS:

Student Support Groups

PA 98-1001

ADVANCE: THE ADULT EDUCATION CLEARINGHOUSE

$82,824

Evelyn Werner
State Library of Pennsylvania
PDE Resource Center
333 Market Street
Harrisburg, PA 17126-0333
(717) 783-9192

The State Library will staff and manage Pennsylvania's adult education clearinghouse as a support service to the Division of Adult Basic and Literacy Education Program and its funded programs. Activities will include the provision of search services, the preparation of the 353 abstract book, the maintaining of state-of-the-art awareness of new technological advances in the dissemination of information, and the development of a strengthened New Teachers Orientation program to be offered at the ABLE Fall Workshops. Money is also included in the budget to fund a full-time clerical support position.

PRODUCTS:

Final Report and
Abstract Book

DESCRIPTORS:

Dissemination
Staff Development

PA 98-1007

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION FOR SPECIAL NEEDS ADULTS

$4,206

Mary Kay Peterson
Southeast Pennsylvania
Rehabilitation Center
111 Elwyn Road
Elwyn, PA 19063
(215) 891-2220

The Adult Education Department of the Center will establish an alumni support group for adults with special learning needs. This group will provide support, classes, information and referral, and activities for adults living and working in Delaware County. Once established, the Department will assist the group in the planning of activities and fund raising, and by offering classes in academics, employability, and life skills.

PRODUCTS:

Final Report

DESCRIPTORS:

Alumni

PA 98-1005

B.R.I.D.G.E.: BUILDING READINESS IN DEVELOPING GREATER EMPLOYMENT

$4,993

Daniel G. Tempestini
Erie Adult Educational
Learning Center
3325 Cherry Street
Erie, PA 16508
(814) 871-6656

The Center will develop and offer a three-phase career program designed to help students decide what to do next as they approach GED completion. Phase one will concentrate on a joint venture in which representatives from targeted businesses will discuss job expectations, personnel qualifications, and potential job placement within their work environments. Phase two will be an in-depth assessment of the students' interests and aptitudes. Phase three will be a job search readiness course.

PRODUCTS:

Final Report

DESCRIPTORS:

Counseling

PA 98-1025

BUILDING READING, WRITING, AND CRITICAL THINKING IN SOCIAL STUDIES THROUGH COMPUTER-SUPPORTED INTENTIONAL LEARNING

$18,476

Barbara Mitchell
Greater Johnstown Area Vocational-
Technical School
445 Schoolhouse Road
Johnstown, PA 15904
(814) 269-3874

The grantee will utilize CSILE (Computer-Supported Intentional Learning Environments), a computer-based instructional system which focuses on enhancing higher-order thinking skills, in order to design a Social Studies program for use with pre-GED/GED classes. Three content modules (geography, economics, and political science), three cross-discipline modules, and one microworld module will be produced.

PRODUCTS:

Final Report, Complete System Documentation Set, Demonstration Systems, and Distribution Copies

DESCRIPTORS:

Social Studies
Technology

PA 98-1044

CHESTER COUNTY ADULT LITERACY CONSORTIUM

$42,602

Carol Brane
Chester County Adult Literacy Consortium
c/o Chester County Intermediate Unit 24
150 James Hance Court
Exton, PA 19341
(215) 524-5107

Funds will be used to develop the recently formed Chester County Adult Literacy Consortium, which is being established to provide for collaboration in the offering of county-wide ABE, GED, and Adult Literacy programs. Specific activities will include (1) establishment of a funding plan; (2) establishment of guidelines for fiscal operation; (3) establishment of an outreach and referral system; (4) development of a client information bank; (5) development of procedures to utilize existing intermediate unit services; (6) preparation of a program evaluation procedure; (7) development of "program sharing"; (8) establishment of standardized staff development for all programs; (9) serving as a model for rural consortia development; and (10) will serve as the single point of contact for adult literacy in Chester County.

PRODUCTS:

Final Report

DESCRIPTORS:

Administration

PA 98-1019

A COMPUTER-BASED MATHEMATICS PROGRAM FOR THE LEARNING DISABLED ADULT

$14,980

Robert Zellers
Adult Education Services
313 Gardner Street
Johnstown, PA 15905
(814) 255-3521

The grantee will develop a computer-based mathematics preparation program for learning disabled adults at the 0-8 grade level. The methods utilized will be suitable for both large- and small-group instruction and one-to-one individualization.

PRODUCTS:

Final Report, Software Package, Student's Manual, and Teacher's Manual

DESCRIPTORS:

Mathematics
Technology

PA 98-1049

DEVELOPING A COMPUTER DATA FILE: SIGNS, ILLUSTRATIONS, AND VOCABULARY FOR USE WITH/BY HEARING-IMPAIRED ADULTS

$15,300

Linda Lewis
Literacy Consortium of
Allegheny County
2205 East Carson Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15203
(412) 431-0402

Dr. William N. Craig of the Center on Deafness at the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf is the director of this project. He will produce a set of special data "stacks," which literacy trainers can use to address the individualized on-the-job vocabulary needs of hearing-impaired (HI) employees and their co-workers and of HI adults and their "hearing" contacts in community/family situations. Using the stacks on a Macintosh computer, the trainer will be able to print out tailor-made "mini-dictionaries" of vocabulary words/phrases needed at a particular time or site, with corresponding illustrated signs from American Sign Language and pictures that clarify meaning. The materials will complement sign language/literacy instruction, providing easily accessible work-specific reference and practice.

PRODUCTS:

Final Report and Data Stack

DESCRIPTORS:

Special Needs
Technology

PA 98-1037

DEVELOPMENT AND EVALUATION OF A MODEL FAMILY LITERACY PROGRAM

$25,000

Eunice Askov
The Pennsylvania State University
Institute for the Study of Adult Literacy
204 Calder Way
Suite 209
University Park, PA 16801
(814) 863-3777

The Institute will develop and evaluate a model community-based family literacy program. The project will use a direct parent - indirect child model to provide parents in participating families with instruction related to family learning. Basic skills will be presented within the context of family literacy and parenting activities.

PRODUCTS:

Final Report, Curriculum Outline, and Related Materials

DESCRIPTORS:

Family Literacy

PA 98-1036

DEVELOPMENT OF INNOVATIVE FAMILY LITERACY MODELS

$8,645

JoAnn Lawer
Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit 16 (CSIU)
P.O. Box 213
Lewisburg, PA 17837
(717) 523-1155

The CSIU will develop a family literacy curriculum (to cover a three month period) and offer instruction to a class of approximately 20 adult students who are parents of preschool or Head Start children. Transportation problems will be addressed by having the Head Start van pick up and deliver parents to the class site. In addition, selected materials will be used to develop a training packet for literacy volunteers that will encourage them to use similar practices in one-to-one tutoring situations.

PRODUCTS:

Final Report and Training Packet

DESCRIPTORS:

Family Literacy

PA 98-1051

DEVELOPMENT OF PDE DATA COLLECTION SOFTWARE

$6,833

Linda Lewis
Literacy Consortium of Allegheny County
2205 East Carson Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15203
(412) 431-0402

Judith Aaronson of the Pittsburgh Literacy Initiative is the director of this project. She will produce a database program which will facilitate state data reporting, client tracking, and local analysis. The final product will be a "turnkey" software program for use on IBM PCs and compatibles. An Installation and User's Manual also will be produced.

PRODUCTS:

Final Report, Software Program, and Installation and User's Manual

DESCRIPTORS:

Administration
Technology

PA 98-1048

DOCUMENTATION OF THE EFFECTS OF ALTERNATIVE AND STANDARDIZED ASSESSMENT MEASURES IN ADULT BASIC EDUCATION

$27,011

Linda Lewis
Literacy Consortium of
Allegheny County
2205 East Carson Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15203
(412) 431-0402

Dr. Rita M. Bean of the University of Pittsburgh is the director of this project. She will develop a set of guidelines that can be used by literacy providers in planning their assessment procedures. To accomplish this she (1) will implement an assessment system that includes both standardized as well as alternative measures in several adult basic education programs; (2) will identify instructional activities, goals, and curricula at each site; (3) will document ongoing implementation of alternative measures; and (4) will analyze the utility and validity of the standardized and alternative measures in measuring program outcomes.

PRODUCTS:

Final Report and Guidelines

DESCRIPTORS:

Research
Tests and Testing

PA 98-1024

THE EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF WORD-OF-MOUTH RECRUITMENT

$24,124

Paula Geiman
Mid-State Literacy Council -
Clearfield Site
650 Leonard Street
Clearfield, PA 16830
(814) 765-6100

The Council will develop a training video and reference guide designed to model the effective use of word-of-mouth recruitment. Literacy programs will be able to use the video with other human service providers who are in a position to refer potential students to programs.

PRODUCTS:

Final Report, Video, and Reference Guide

DESCRIPTORS:

Recruitment/Retention

PA 98-1003

ENCORE

$4,219

Marilyn Potter
Susquehanna County Volunteer
Literacy Council
Box 277
Montrose, PA 18801
(717) 278-9027

The Council will expand its use of an improvisation group to illustrate the problems of daily living encountered by educationally disadvantaged adults. Using the medium of videotape, the Council plans to reach a new audience, such as small businesses, for whom on-site performances might not be feasible.

PRODUCTS:

Final Report and
Videotape

DESCRIPTORS:

Recruitment/Retention

PA 98-1045

ESL LITERACY HANDBOOK

$15,209

Carol Brane
Chester County Adult Literacy
Consortium
c/o Chester County I.U. #24
150 James Hance Court
Exton, PA 19341
(215) 524-5107

Haywood Turrentine of the Chester County Opportunities Industrialization Center, Inc. is the director of this project. He will develop an ESL literacy handbook of 40-64 pages in length which will provide additional information and curricula for use with ESL students. The handbook will provide programs with methods to introduce GED topics along with the standard four learning areas of listening, speaking, reading, and writing. It also will be designed for use by any level of program.

PRODUCTS:

Final Report and Handbook

DESCRIPTORS:

ESL

PA 98-1013

ESTABLISHMENT OF GED ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

$4,494

JoAnn Lawer
Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit 16 (CSIU)
P.O. Box 213
Lewisburg, PA 17837
(717) 523-1155

The CSIU will establish an alumni association for graduates in its five-county service area. Active participation in the association will be encouraged through periodic bulletins, newsletters, and scheduled meetings and activities.

PRODUCTS:

Final Report

DESCRIPTORS:

Alumni

PA 98-1034

FAMILY LITERACY ON TAPE

$16,327

Jeffrey Woodyard
Tri-County Opportunities Industrialization Center, Inc. (OIC)
1600 King Boulevard
Harrisburg, PA 17103
(717) 238-7381

The Tri-County OIC will develop a family literacy model that demonstrates how parents can teach and model for their children through audio visuals. With the assistance of staff, each parent in the pilot project will record five audio and five video literacy lessons that they can use in their own homes to help their children become involved and active in learning and reading. The target audience will be parents at the 5-8 grade level.

PRODUCTS:

Final Report, Procedural Manual, Sample Audio and Video Tapes

DESCRIPTORS:

Family Literacy

PA 98-1035

FAMILY LITERACY: TEACHING PATTERNS OF LITERACY THROUGH MODELING

$17,840

Carol Goertzel
Lutheran Settlement House
Women's Program
1340 Frankford Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19125
(215) 426-8610

The Women's Program will develop a family literacy project in which they establish two classes, one in conjunction with an after-school program and one with a day care program. Adults in the program will learn both basic skills and skills to improve the literacy of their children. The target audience will be black, white, and Hispanic parents.

PRODUCTS:

Final Report and Guidebook

DESCRIPTORS:

Family Literacy

PA 98-1031

FAMILY LITERACY USING A MULTI-CULTURAL MODEL

$15,000

Amos Goodwine, Jr.
Greater Erie Community Action Committee
18 West 9th Street
Erie, PA 16501
(814) 459-4581

Ten ethnically mixed Head Start families with primary caregivers reading at or below a seventh grade level will participate in a multi-cultural experience which will utilize a whole language curriculum. A curriculum will be written and instructional materials developed. Instructional activities will be centered around the contemporary events, food, traditions, music, literature, and art of each represented culture.

PRODUCTS:

Final Report, Curriculum, Instructional Materials, Traditions Book, and Audio Tapes

DESCRIPTORS:

Curriculum
Family Literacy

PA 98-1015

FAMILY STUDY SKILLS PROJECT

$5,000

Linda Robb
Fayette County Community Action Agency, Inc.
201 East Fairview Avenue
Connellsville, PA 15425
(412) 626-1070

The Community Action Education Center's literacy and adult basic education students will be taught how to tutor their own children and how to model/use proper study habits. Activities will include a 12-week training course; monthly group meetings following the training; and one on-site, in-home observation of parents and children's study habits to provide positive reinforcement and constructive help.

PRODUCTS:

Final Report

DESCRIPTORS:

Family Literacy

PA 98-1018

FIELD GUIDE FOR LITERACY

$15,930

Nonie Bell
Northampton Community College
3835 Green Pond Road
Bethlehem, PA 18017
(215) 861-5427

The College will develop a field guide of activities which can be used to supplement programs such as Laubach, LVA, and the Center for Literacy's, or ESL curricula. Content will include over 150 user-friendly activities in such areas as phonics support, reading skills development through oral language, writing support, and survival math activities.

PRODUCTS:

Final Report and Field Guide

DESCRIPTORS:

Language/Reading

PA 98-1009

GED SUPPORT GROUP

$3,011

Linda Robb
Fayette County Community Action Agency, Inc. (FCCAA)
201 East Fairview Avenue
Connellsville, PA 15425
(412) 626-1070

The FCCAA will establish a support group for its Community Action Education Center students who are preparing to take their GED exam. Activities will include regular meetings in an informal setting to discuss fears and frustrations, to share ideas, to enjoy presentations by guest speakers on employment and continuing education options, and to pair students with graduates from the existing Alumni Association.

PRODUCTS:

Final Report

DESCRIPTORS:

GED
Student Support Groups

PA 98-1017

"HEAD START" FOR LEARNING DISABLED ADULTS

$14,256

Pieter V. Miller
Reading Area Community College
P.O. Box 1706
10 South Second Street
Reading, PA 19603
(215) 372-4721

A special open-ended class will be offered for ABE students (10-12 in number) who are "learning different," and who have experienced repeated failure in school. This special class, which will use non-traditional learning techniques, will assist students in developing their basic skills and their self-esteem.

PRODUCTS:

Final Report

DESCRIPTORS:

Learning Disabilities

PA 98-1022

HOLISTIC TEACHING STRATEGIES FOR HISPANIC STUDENTS

$4,380

Jean Henry
Lebanon County Housing and Redevelopment Authority
303 Chestnut Street
Lebanon, PA 17042
(717) 274-3461

The Housing and Redevelopment Authority, in cooperation with the Lancaster-Lebanon Literacy Council, will develop a curriculum and instructional techniques to address the needs of Hispanics who are not literate in their primary language. Both student-centered and published materials will be incorporated.

PRODUCTS:

Final Report, Procedural Manual, and Curriculum

DESCRIPTORS:

Curriculum
ESL

PA 98-1042

HOME SAFETY AND FIRST AID: AN INTEGRATED READING AND WRITING CURRICULUM FOR THE ABE STUDENT

$8,580

Robert Zellers
Adult Education Services
313 Gardner Street
Johnstown, PA 15905
(814) 255-3521

The grantee will create a packet of instructional materials on home safety and first aid that will help teach basic reading and writing skills to adult students at the 0-8 grade level. The instructional packet will include a student reader, a teacher's guide, and an audio cassette tape.

PRODUCTS:

Final Report and Instructional Packet

DESCRIPTORS:

Curriculum
Daily Living Skills
Language/Reading
Writing

PA 98-1023

THE HOMESTUDY OPTION

$9,600

Carol Molek
Tuscarora Intermediate Unit 11
Adult Education and Job
Training Center
1020 Belle Vernon Avenue
Lewistown, PA 17044
(717) 248-4942

The goal of the project will be to develop an effective distance education delivery model to serve rural adults who find ABE/GED programs inaccessible to them. The Center will develop a program geared specifically to the 1988 edition of the GED test. Program packets will be developed to address the problem areas that two years of experience with the new test have identified. These materials will be coordinated with existing commercially produced materials and a telephone/home visit contact system.

PRODUCTS:

Final Report, Seven Packets, and Instructor's Guide

DESCRIPTORS:

Alternative Delivery Systems
GED
Rural Services

PA 98-1053

IMPROVING RETENTION IN ADULT BASIC EDUCATION AND RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES FOR EFFECTIVE INSTRUCTIONAL AND COUNSELING INTERVENTIONS

$6,463

Linda Lewis
Literacy Consortium of
Allegheny County
2205 East Carson Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15203
(412) 431-0402

Dr. Alan Quigley of Penn State - Monroeville Campus is the director of this project. He will investigate the influence of past schooling on the decision to stay or drop out of ABE and will recommend specific counseling/teaching strategies to deal with this phenomena. He will utilize the expectancy-valence model of participation and open-ended, semi-structured interviews to compare affective attitudes of those resisters who have dropped out of an adult basic education program with a control group which has persisted and is doing well.

PRODUCTS:

Final Report

DESCRIPTORS:

Recruitment/Retention
Research

PA 98-1027

INCREASED ENROLLMENT IN ADULT BASIC EDUCATION THROUGH PUBLIC AWARENESS

$10,332

JoAnn Lawer
Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit 16 (CSIU)
P.O. Box 213
Lewisburg, PA 17837
(717) 523-1155

The CSIU will develop a comprehensive schedule for regular and continuous advertising/recruitment throughout the year. A multi-media approach will be used, which will include radio, television, newspaper, coupons, posters, etc. Purchased advertising will be utilized to maximize the usage of public service time and space. The target audience will be potential students, volunteers, and business/industry contacts.

PRODUCTS:

Final Report and Rural Advertising Model

DESCRIPTORS:

Recruitment/Retention
Rural Services

PA 98-1021

INTERACTIVE HEALTH/WELLNESS CURRICULUM

$4,268

Daniel G. Tempestini
Erie Adult Educational Learning Center
3325 Cherry Street
Erie, PA 16508
(814) 871-6656

The Center will develop an interactive health/wellness curriculum to be implemented for its interested students and staff. Components of the program will include class presentations, health screenings, physical conditioning, diet control, and motivational techniques to cease unhealthy behaviors. The intent of the curriculum will be to improve the physical and mental well-being of the participants.

PRODUCTS:

Final Report and Curriculum

DESCRIPTORS:

Curriculum

PA 98-1020

LANGUAGE EXPERIENCE/WORD PROCESSING TUTORIAL HANDBOOK

$12,000

John M. Corse
Adult Enrichment Center
31 South Duke Street
Lancaster, PA 17602
(717) 293-7636

The Center will produce a handbook composed of a series of lessons (written at approximately a fourth grade level) that are designed to be used with Apple Works software (an appendix will be included for adaptation to Word Perfect). The purpose of the instruction will be to allow adult students at any level to improve their written language while becoming computer literate. Each lesson will introduce a word processing technique, a vocabulary section, a writing skill which focuses on either mechanics or the writing process, several practice exercises, and a final language experience exercise that will be reviewed by the classroom instructor at the end of the lesson.

PRODUCTS:

Final Report and Handbook

DESCRIPTORS:

Technology
Writing

PA 98-1043

LEHIGH VALLEY CHAMBER NETWORK PROJECT

$25,800

Joan K. Lipiec
Bethlehem Area Chamber of Commerce
459 Old York Road
Bethlehem, PA 18018
(215) 867-3788

The Chamber will develop a model network of nine Lehigh Valley Chambers of Commerce and two literacy coalitions to improve the literacy levels of a two-county area workforce. Through a part-time literacy coordinator, the Chambers will receive support in publicizing program provider information, in educating companies about the need for training, in conducting literacy assessments, and in arranging joint events and cooperative ventures between companies and providers. The Chamber also will develop a literacy sensitivity training package for company personnel and hold a one-time, corporate-funded "free" GED test.

PRODUCTS:

Final Report and Sensitivity Training Package

DESCRIPTORS:

Workforce Education

PA 98-1047

LITERACY CONSORTIUM OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY

$113,698

Linda Lewis
Literacy Consortium of
Allegheny County
2205 East Carson Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15203
(412) 431-0402

Funding will support the first year of operation for the consortium. Specifically, the consortium (1) will secure the necessary staff, office space, and other resources necessary to carry out the mission of the consortium; (2) will continue to document the planning process in a way that assists the ongoing development of the consortium and helps other groups interested in the model; (3) will carry on the administrative functions of the consortium; (4) will study, in depth, the state of literacy in the county; (5) will serve as a model for urban consortia development; and (6) will serve as the single point of contact for literacy information in Allegheny County.

PRODUCTS:

Final Report with Plan

DESCRIPTORS:

Administration

PA 98-1055

A MESSAGE FROM H.O.M.E.

$19,556

Janice Biros
Drexel University Community
Education Program (CEP)
32nd and Chestnut Streets
Philadelphia, PA 19104
(215) 895-2667

The CEP will develop an integrated curriculum of language experience and computer-assisted instruction for use with residents of homeless shelters and will implement it with 20-30 residents of three shelters in Philadelphia. The thrust of the program will be to use the language experience approach to generate stories by using word processing programs. These stories will be used to create exercises and skills lessons. The classes will then desk-top publish a book of their own writings. Participants will learn and practice basic literacy skills, page layout skills, and computer literacy/job skills.

PRODUCTS:

Final Report, Technical Resource Manual, Published Book, and Disk

DESCRIPTORS:

Curriculum
Technology

PA 98-1026

MOVING THE WORKER INTO THE CLASSROOM

$17,292

Nonie Bell
Northampton Community College
3835 Green Pond Road
Bethlehem, PA 18017
(215) 861-5427

The College will seek to identify those factors in worksite programs which either encourage or discourage worker participation. Factors will be identified through interviews, surveys, and questionnaires of teachers, labor, management, and past participants. These factors will then be used to design recruitment strategies to increase participation rates.

PRODUCTS:

Final Report and Handbook of Effective Practice

DESCRIPTORS:

Recruitment/Retention
Workforce Education

PA 98-1039

PASSAGE - YOUR WORKPLACE AND JOB SKILLS INFORMATION NEWSLETTER

$23,000

Bernadette Mangie
The Midland Center, Inc.
617 Midland Avenue
Midland, PA 15059
(800) 345-5443

The Center will produce a newsletter whose overall objective is to continue building a workplace and job skills information exchange network among literacy and adult basic education providers in Pennsylvania. Each issue will include a STUDENT accesspage with information and exercises that instructors, tutors, and counselors can share with adult learners.

PRODUCTS:

Final Report and Ten Newsletter Issues

DESCRIPTORS:

Dissemination
Staff Development
Workforce Education

PA 98-1054

A PEN PAL PROGRAM FOR ADULT LEARNERS

$6,755

Linda Lewis
Literacy Consortium of
Allegheny County
2205 East Carson Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15203
(412) 431-0402

Diane Nossek of the Greater Pittsburgh Literacy Council is the director of this project. She will design and implement a nationwide pen pal clearinghouse program for adult literacy students reading at or below an eighth grade level. The program will provide adult literacy students with a non-threatening, yet realistic, situation in which they will be able to develop reading and writing skills while simultaneously sharing their experience with peers.

PRODUCTS:

Final Report

DESCRIPTORS:

Language/Reading
Writing

PA 98-1050

A PILOT PROGRAM FOR SMALL GROUP INSTRUCTION IN MATH OFFERED IN CONJUNCTION WITH A LITERACY PROGRAM

$8,032

Linda Lewis
Literacy Consortium of
Allegheny County
2205 East Carson Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15203
(412) 431-0402

Susan Evans of the Greater Pittsburgh Literacy Council is the director of this project. She will set up a pilot program of small-group math instruction using volunteer tutors who have completed a 12-hour training workshop in literacy tutoring and an additional three-hour training session in teaching math to small groups of low-level readers.

PRODUCTS:

Final Report

DESCRIPTORS:

Mathematics

PA 98-1011

PRE-VOCATIONAL CLERICAL SKILLS

$5,000

Carol Molek
Tuscarora Intermediate Unit 11
Adult Education and Job
Training Center
1020 Belle Vernon Avenue
Lewistown, PA 17044
(717) 248-4942

The Center will adopt a previous project developed by Northampton Community College. The project provides a model curriculum for the efficient combination of basic and job-specific skills. For students who enter ABE training with the clerical field as their vocational goal, the project will provide a testing ground so students may evaluate their aptitude and interests. The math and English training provided will give a sound basis for clerical positions but will also be easily transferable to other fields.

PRODUCTS:

Final Report

DESCRIPTORS:

Workforce Education

PA 98-1038

PR-ID-E: PUERTO RICAN IDENTIFICATION EDUCATION

$13,966

Pieter V. Miller
Reading Area Community College
P.O. Box 1706
Reading, PA 19603
(215) 372-4721

The college will produce a Puerto Rican specific newsletter for ESL, ABE, and Literacy students reading at a fifth through eighth grade level. The purpose of the newsletter will be to strengthen the basic communication skills of ABE, ESL, and Literacy students, to provide a vehicle for learning about the culture and history of Puerto Rico; to enhance the self-esteem of Puerto Rican students; and to foster an understanding of cultural diversity. The newsletter will be sent to ABLE programs with a Puerto Rican student population of at least 15%.

PRODUCTS:

Final Report and Four
Newsletter Issues

DESCRIPTORS:

ESL

PA 98-1030

PRINTING AND LITERACY PROJECT

$20,156

Tamara Hennings
West Philadelphia Fund for Human Development
815 South 48th Street
Philadelphia, PA 19143
(215) 726-6602

The Fund will develop and implement a job-related literacy curriculum to support a printing trades training program. The curriculum will be piloted with 30 West Philadelphia residents who have some mechanical skills and a strong interest in developing them into technical competency in the printing field. The curriculum guide will integrate job-related skills with required reading, writing, and math skills.

PRODUCTS:

Final Report and Curriculum Guide

DESCRIPTORS:

Workforce Education

PA 98-1014

PROGRAM MANAGEMENT BY COMPUTER

$2,715

Jeffrey Woodyard
Tri-County Opportunities Industrialization Center, Inc. (OIC)
1600 King Boulevard
Harrisburg, PA 17103
(717) 238-7318

The Tri-County OIC will use currently available software to create a computer-based management system. The goal of the project will be to maximize the limited availability of administrative, counseling, and teacher preparation time by computerizing the attendance sheets, PDE closing forms, budgets, and student IEP forms.

PRODUCTS:

Final Report, Five Computer Templates, and User's Manual

DESCRIPTORS:

Administration
Technology

PA 98-1028

PROJECT GATP: GENERAL APTITUDE TEST PREPARATION

$16,061

Marilyn Gentzler
CIU 10 Development Center for Adults
Centre County Vo-Tech School
Pleasant Gap, PA 16823
(814) 359-3069

The Development Center will assemble, implement, and disseminate curricula for unemployed or under-employed adult learners who wish to prepare for the verbal and numerical areas of the GATP employability-screening aptitude test. The curricula will include suggested pre-tests; a review of basic math, verbal, and reading skills; suggested post-tests; a booklet containing materials specifically selected to help students prepare for aptitude tests; a sample practice test; and a teacher's guide.

PRODUCTS:

Final Report and Curriculum Packet

DESCRIPTORS:

Curriculum
Workforce Education

PA 98-1010

READ WITH ME

$3,906

M. Margaret Welliver
State College Area School District
411 South Fraser Street
State College, PA 16801
(814) 231-1061

The School District will strengthen the existing curriculum by developing a Read With Me component designed to establish reading as a family priority. Activities will include workshops, "read aloud" training, and library usage information.

PRODUCTS:

Final Report, Instructor's Guide, and Library Information Packet

DESCRIPTORS:

Curriculum
Family Literacy

PA 98-1046

SECOND WIND: ENHANCING THE USABILITY OF THREE GOOD CURRICULUM PROJECTS

$13,910

Tana Reiff
New Educational Projects, Inc.
P.O. Box 182
Lancaster, PA 17603
(717) 299-8912

The grantee will rework three past 310/353 products into new forms in order to make them more usable by other programs. The three products to be reworked include The Work Adjustment Workbook, Learn Together Activities for Parents and Children, and Project P.R.O.U.D.

PRODUCTS:

Final Report and Three Products

DESCRIPTORS:

Curriculum

PA 98-1012

SENIOR "SURVIVAL SKILLS" TRAINING

$5,000

Barbara J. Mooney
Washington-Greene Community Action Corporation
20-26 East High Street
Waynesburg, PA 15370
(412) 852-2893

The corporation will establish training programs at three Senior Citizen Centers and a Grange Hall in order to provide low-level senior citizens with an opportunity to increase their communication and computational skills. Volunteer instructional aides will be recruited to provide the training.

PRODUCTS:

Final Report

DESCRIPTORS:

Older Adults
Recruitment/Retention

PA 98-1008

STRENGTHENING & DEVELOPING GED ALUMNI ASSOCIATIONS IN WASHINGTON & GREENE COUNTIES

$5,000

Barbara J. Mooney
Washington-Greene Community Action Corporation
20-26 East High Street
Waynesburg, PA 15370
(412) 852-2893

The Corporation will use community organizing techniques to aid GED alumni, other adult education students, and interested support persons from the bi-county area in promoting the development and growth of GED alumni associations in both counties. Activities will include a newsletter; an awards banquet; the establishment of regular meetings; and the development of a support network of adult education providers, human service providers, and other interested community members.

PRODUCTS:

Final Report

DESCRIPTORS:

Alumni

PA 98-1002

STRUGGLE AND TRIUMPH

$4,941

Carol Goertzel
Lutheran Settlement House
Women's Program
1340 Frankford Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19125
(215) 426-8610

The Women's Program will develop and produce a student/alumni literacy magazine that will appear twice during the year and that will include writings by students and alumni. The goal of the project will be to strengthen the association by providing a project for students and alumni to work on cooperatively while improving their academic skills.

PRODUCTS:

Final Report and Two Magazine Issues

DESCRIPTORS:

Alumni
Writing

PA 98-1040

SUCCESS STORIES: CHAMPIONS OF LITERACY

$18,122

Sherry Royce
Royce & Royce
1938 Crooked Oak Drive
Lancaster, PA 17601
(717) 569-1663

The grantee will provide technical support necessary for the selection and recognition of the 1991 outstanding ABLE students. Activities also will include publishing and disseminating the outstanding adult student booklet and accompanying program flyers. The grantee also will establish a communications network among ABLE winners so that, as a team, they can support each other and champion the cause of adult literacy in their local communities and throughout Pennsylvania.

PRODUCTS:

Final Report, Booklet, and Flyers

DESCRIPTORS:

Public Awareness

PA 98-1004

A SUPPORT-READING WORKSHOP: ALTERNATIVE READING STRATEGIES FOR THE LEARNING CHALLENGED ADULTS

$3,071

Gertrude A. Barber
Dr. Gertrude A. Barber Center, Inc.
136 East Avenue
Erie, PA 16507
(814) 453-7661

The Center will establish a support-reading workshop to address the need for measurable improvement in word attack, word identification, and comprehension skills with the 0-4 reader who may also be physically or mentally disabled. Instructional methods will include neurologic impress, echo reading, direct reading/thinking activities, auditory feedback, and language experiences.

PRODUCTS:

Final Report

DESCRIPTORS:

Language/Reading
Special Needs

PA 98-1029

THINKING AND READING FOR ENTRY-LEVEL WORKERS

$17,940

Linda V. McCrossan
Allentown Literacy Council
530 Hamilton Street
Allentown, PA 18101
(215) 435-0680

The Council will analyze reading materials for entry level positions from five types of businesses and will develop instructional techniques for workers in group instructional settings. Examples of types of businesses to be targeted include Fast Food, Hospitality, Small and Mid-Sized Retailers, Printing, Garages, and Food Service. Emphases will be on grouping businesses into types or categories and on the development of instructional techniques for categories of businesses rather than for individual businesses.

PRODUCTS:

Final Report with Instructional Techniques

DESCRIPTORS:

Workforce Education

PA 98-1006

TOGETHER WE LEARN: FAMILY LITERACY

$4,997

Carol Molek
Tuscarora Intermediate Unit 11
Adult Education and Job Training Center
1020 Belle Vernon Avenue
Lewistown, PA 17044
(717) 248-4942

The Center will adapt Project PACT, a former 353/310 project, in order to assist ABE parents who desire to improve their basic skills while also learning how to better work with their children in order to assure school readiness. "Together We Learn" will consist of two ten-week sessions. A major adaptation of the PACT model will be the inclusion of guest speakers.

PRODUCTS:

Final Report

DESCRIPTORS:

Family Literacy

PA 98-1033

WHAT'S THE BUZZ?

$31,020

David W. Fluke
Adult Education Linkage Services
Box 214
Troy, PA 16947
(717) 596-3474

The grantee will prepare and produce ten monthly issues of a 6-8 page newsletter. The newsletter will serve as an in-service communication tool, an instrument of dissemination, and a conduit for information from the Division of Adult Basic and Literacy Education Programs to teachers, tutors, counselors and administrators.

PRODUCTS:

Final Report and Ten Newsletter Issues

DESCRIPTORS:

Dissemination
Staff Development

PA 98-1032

WHERE ARE THE FATHERS IN FAMILY LITERACY?

$11,876

Nonie Bell
Northampton Community College
3835 Green Pond Road
Bethlehem, PA 18017
(215) 861-5427

The College will develop an innovative family literacy model which will focus on the father's role. Activities will include determining reading methods and practices specific to the father's role in Family Literacy, developing a curriculum and method of implementation, and implementing the curriculum with three groups of 10 educationally-disadvantaged fathers. Part of the project will deal with special recruitment suggestions for father literacy programs since pre-existing attitudes and social pressures have negatively influenced many fathers' perceptions of their role as a model teacher at home.

PRODUCTS:

Final Report, Student Workbook, and Teacher's Manual

DESCRIPTORS:

Curriculum
Family Literacy

PA 98-1041

YOURPLACE: A PROGRAM OF ORIENTATION TO PUBLIC LIBRARIES

$7,500

Hilma F. Cooper
Cheltenham Township Library System
Keswick Avenue & Waverly Road
Glenside, PA 19038
(215) 885-0457

The library system will introduce ESL adult students to public library resources which can help them improve their job skills, assist them in the language development of their children, increase their confidence in helping their children with homework, improve their reading skills, and, in general, open up a useful resource to them.

PRODUCTS:

Final Report, Bibliographies, and Worksheets

DESCRIPTORS:

ESL
Family Literacy

STAFF DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

PA 99-1008

THE ABLE STAFF DEVELOPMENT RESOURCE GUIDE

$18,250

Sherry Royce
Royce & Royce, Inc.
1938 Crooked Oak Drive
Lancaster, PA 17601
(717) 569-1663

The grantee, with a panel of ABLE practitioners, will produce an annotated listing of professional development resources and disseminate it to programs in Pennsylvania and to state offices of Adult Basic Education and regional adult education clearinghouses throughout the nation. The guide will include an annotated listing of 100 exemplary resources and reviews of a core collection of 25 professional development books.

PRODUCTS:

Final Report and Guide

DESCRIPTORS:

Staff Development

PA 99-1015

ADDING FAMILY LITERACY TO TUTOR TRAINING

$5,000

Linda Lewis
Literacy Consortium of Allegheny County
2205 East Carson Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15203
(412) 431-0402

Diane Eisen of the Greater Pittsburgh Literacy Council is the director of this project. She will undertake activities to incorporate a family literacy component into the Council's tutor training. Initially, the Beginning with Books (BWB) staff of the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh will conduct this session of the training. Then BWB staff will train literacy council staff members to make the presentations themselves. In addition, four in-service sessions will be offered to update present tutors on family literacy instructional methods.

PRODUCTS:

Final Report

DESCRIPTORS:

Family Literacy
Staff Development
Tutoring

PA 99-1009

ADULT BASIC & LITERACY EDUCATION PROGRAMS' ASSESSMENT INSTRUMENTS EVALUATION HANDBOOK

$12,248

David W. Fluke
Adult Education Linkage Services
Box 214
Troy, PA 16947
(717) 596-3474

The grantee will produce a handbook on assessment instruments (1) that will survey all adult basic and literacy education programs in Pennsylvania in order to determine what testing/assessment programs are in place and how testing/assessment instruments are being used; (2) that will review the literature/research and relevant instruments and programs that are currently available; and (3) that will convene a panel of reviewers to review the materials, make recommendations, and provide evaluative comments.

PRODUCTS:

Final Report and Handbook

DESCRIPTORS:

Tests and Testing

PA 99-1012

BRIDGES: THE ESL INFORMATION NETWORK

$12,173

Doris H. Zook
Zook & Zook, Inc.
2550 Ironville Pike
Columbia, PA 17512
(717) 684-3198

The grantee will publish four issues of an English-as-a-Second-Language newsletter. An advisory board will be established to identify topics relevant to the target audience and to direct the development of the newsletter. Each issue will cover favorite techniques, methods and related research, language and cultural understanding, book and material reviews, upcoming events, and information from PDE.

PRODUCTS:

Final Report and Four Newsletter Issues

DESCRIPTORS:

Dissemination
ESL
Staff Development

PA 99-1003

COMPUTER LITERACY: STAFF TRAINING

$4,600

Carol Molek
Tuscarora Intermediate Unit 11
Adult Education and Job Training Center
1020 Belle Vernon Avenue
Lewistown, PA 17044
(717) 248-4942

The Center will provide its staff with basic computer literacy instruction. Staff members will be trained in ten hours of workshops, plus five hours of individual instruction. One goal of the project will be to provide staff with the skills to assess and utilize software in the ABE instructional process. Another goal will be to increase staff members' administrative efficiency.

PRODUCTS:

Final Report and Course Outline

DESCRIPTORS:

Staff Development

PA 99-1001

AN EXPERIMENTAL WHOLE-LANGUAGE IN-SERVICE WORKSHOP FOR ADULT LITERACY TUTORS AND LEARNERS

$4,212

Anita Pomerance
The Center for Literacy, Inc. (CFL)
3723 Chestnut Street
Philadelphia, PA 19104-3189
(215) 382-3700

The CFL will test and refine a newly designed adult literacy volunteer tutor in-service workshop for both tutors and students who have been working together for several months or more. Training will be collaborative and hands-on, and will teach strategies for working toward students' own goals, for reading and writing whole language texts, and for evaluating progress through portfolios. Six 6-hour, 3-session workshops will be offered, serving a total of 48 tutors and 48 students.

PRODUCTS:

Final Report

DESCRIPTORS:

Staff Development
Tutoring

PA 99-1011

FAMILY LITERACY NEWSLETTER

$8,499

David W. Fluke
Adult Education Linkage Services
Box 214
Troy, PA 16947
(717) 596-3474

The grantee will prepare, publish, and distribute four issues of a family literacy newsletter to ABE/GED/ESL/ Literacy programs in Pennsylvania. Issues will include information about exemplary family literacy programs, materials, and practices.

PRODUCTS:

Final Report and Four Newsletter Issues

DESCRIPTORS:

Dissemination
Family Literacy
Staff Development

PA 99-1005

FAMILY LITERACY - TUTOR TRAINING

$19,094

David W. Fluke
Adult Education Linkage Services
Box 214
Troy, PA 16947
(717) 596-3474

The grantee will contract with a nationally recognized family literacy trainer to conduct a workshop for eight tutor trainers representing geographic regions throughout Pennsylvania. Following the workshop, each tutor trainer will conduct a regional workshop to train adult education personnel in family literacy and to assist them in establishing programs in their own locales.

PRODUCTS:

Final Report

DESCRIPTORS:

Family Literacy
Staff Development
Tutoring

PA 99-1010

FOCUS ON LITERACY: A DECADE OF OPPORTUNITY

$17,680

Sherry Royce
Royce & Royce, Inc.
1938 Crooked Oak Drive
Lancaster, PA 17601
(717) 569-1663

Royce & Royce will produce six four-page bulletins that feature reviews of exemplary 353 projects selected by a panel of ABE/Literacy experts and that highlight outstanding projects and practices throughout the nation. The bulletins will be mailed to Pennsylvania's ABE/GED/Literacy administrators and staff. FOCUS also will be sent to Pennsylvania's legislators, public librarians, and other interested adult educators.

PRODUCTS:

Final Report and Six Bulletins

DESCRIPTORS:

Dissemination

PA 99-1017

"HELPING ADULTS LEARN": STAFF DEVELOPMENT TRAINING

$18,760

Dave Mercer
The Pennsylvania State University
WPSX-TV
202 Wagner Building
University Park, PA 16802
(814) 863-4010

WPSX-TV, in association with the Institute for the Study of Adult Literacy, Penn State, and Adult Literacy Action, Beaver Campus, will produce a half-hour staff development video program about learning disabilities among adults. The video will include information on how to evaluate such disabilities and on methods used to teach learning disabled adults.

PRODUCTS:

Final Report, Video, and Utilization Guide

DESCRIPTORS:

Learning Disabilities
Staff Development

PA 99-1018

NATIONAL ISSUES FORUMS LITERACY PROGRAMS IN PENNSYLVANIA

$28,050

Dave Mercer
The Pennsylvania State University
WPSX-TV
202 Wagner Building
University Park, PA 16802
(814) 863-4010

WPSX-TV will train and coordinate the activities of six trainers who will help local literacy/ABE/GED providers develop NIF literacy pilot programs in their local communities. The project will enhance services by providing a framework for the development of a civic literacy component in local programs and for the teaching of critical thinking skills. WPSX will work in cooperation with Adult Literacy Action at Penn State - Beaver Campus and the Institute for the Study of Adult Literacy at Penn State - University Park.

PRODUCTS:

Final Report and Guidelines

DESCRIPTORS:

Staff Development

PA 99-1014

THE PENNSYLVANIA-OHIO STAFF DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

$4,000

Richard Gacka
Northwest Tri-County I.U. #5
252 Waterford Street
Edinboro, PA 16412
(814) 734-5610

Funding will support attendance of 50 Pennsylvania educators at the 6th annual Penn-Ohio Conference, which will be held in Niles, Ohio. Funding also will be used for fees and expenses of three speakers and to support clerical and printing expenses involved in the publicity for the conference and the registration of participants.

PRODUCTS:

Final Report

DESCRIPTORS:

Staff Development

PA 99-1004

SOUTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA LITERACY STAFF AND TUTOR WORKSHOPS

$5,000

Linda Robb
Fayette County Community Action Agency, Inc. (FCCAA)
201 East Fairview Avenue
Connellsville, PA 15425
(412) 626-1070

The FCCAA will provide region-specific staff development for staff and tutors in Fayette, Washington, Westmoreland, and Greene counties. The purpose of the workshops will be to enhance participants' understanding of the unique demographics and changing workforce of the region. In addition, the FCCAA will establish a resource library for the sharing of ideas and materials among the providers in the region.

PRODUCTS:

Final Report

DESCRIPTORS:

Staff Development

PA 99-1002

STAFF DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS ABOUT ADULTS WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES

$4,601

Richard Cooper
Center for Alternative Learning
P.O. Box 716
Bryn Mawr, PA 19010
(215) 525-8336

The grantee will develop and offer adult basic educators two workshops about adults with learning disabilities. The first workshop will address how to recruit, retain, and motivate students with learning problems. The second will focus on career and personal counseling techniques.

PRODUCTS:

Final Report

DESCRIPTORS:

Learning Disabilities
Staff Development

PA 99-1007

STUDENTS BECOME TUTORS - A NEW APPROACH TO TRAINING

$20,000

Carol Goertzel
Lutheran Settlement House
Women's Program
1340 Frankford Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19125
(215) 426-8610

The Women's Program will develop and offer adult basic education students a 15-hour workshop followed by monthly workshops/ in-services designed to train them as teaching assistants and small group tutors. A manual which describes the process will be developed to enable programs throughout the state to replicate the project.

PRODUCTS:

Final Report and Manual

DESCRIPTORS:

Staff Development
Tutoring

PA 99-1013

353 TASK FORCE/STAFF DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT SERVICES

$35,763

E. Phillip McKain
Pennsylvania Directors' Association for Community Action (PDACA)
222 Pine Street
Harrisburg, PA 17101
(717) 233-1075

PDACA will manage and coordinate for the Division of Adult Basic and Literacy Education Programs scheduled staff development activities and other meetings. These will include the Fall Workshops; sessions at the Mid-Winter Conference on Adult Continuing Education, the Pennsylvania Vocational Education Conference, and the Federal Programs Conference; and meetings of the Section 353 Task Force.

PRODUCTS:

Final Report

DESCRIPTORS:

Staff Development

PA 99-1006

TUTOR TECHNIQUES

$9,889

Carol Molek
Tuscarora Intermediate Unit 11
Adult Education and Job
Training Center
1020 Belle Vernon Avenue
Lewistown, PA 17044
(717) 248-4942

The Center will develop a tutor training program through which current students can be trained as tutors to meet the educational needs of future students. A curriculum will be developed that will include specific techniques for instruction in the content areas and critical reading and thinking skills. Tutors will attend six hours of training and participate in monthly meetings.

PRODUCTS:

Final Report and Tutor Training Packet with Curriculum

DESCRIPTORS:

Staff Development
Tutoring

PA 99-1016

WORKSHOP: THE IMPORTANCE OF LITERACY SCREENING IN CAREER COUNSELING

$19,642

Linda Lewis
Literacy Consortium of
Allegheny County
2205 East Carson Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15203
(412) 431-0402

Judith Aaronson of the Pittsburgh Literacy Initiative (PLI) is the director of this project. She will conduct workshops to sensitize literacy service providers and employment specialists to the important role literacy screening plays in career counseling. PLI will demonstrate its existing screening and testing process and show how, in addition to determining a client's reading level, it also assists clients in identifying realistic personal and professional goals.

PRODUCTS:

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DESCRIPTORS:

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